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and this is part of the plan.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, 1917.

MINE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

AN increase of more than 15,000,000 gross tons in the output of West Virginia mines during last year is calculated to flatter state pride, but the most gratifying feature of the biennial report of the State Department of Mines is the statement that accidents in the mines have been decreased to such an extent that the figures for 1916 show that the tonnage per fatality was 214,713 as compared with 151,223 during the previous year.

A number of things contributed to this truly splendid improvement, but perhaps the most influential one is the feeling among the operators that safe mining in addition to being good business is the only kind they can as good citizens of West Virginia afford to be associated with.

As a result of this feeling conditions in West Virginia mines, especially in the larger operations, are rapidly approaching ideal. If there are no big disasters in which a relatively large number of lives are sacrificed to one accident to disturb the equation we expect to see an even more marked increase in the number of tons per fatality in 1917.

Another interesting, if not significant, feature in the mine department report is the statement that the great increase in coal production and an increase in coke production of about 1,000,000 tons was produced with 1,364 fewer persons than were employed in and about the mines and coke ovens during the previous year. The mines worked 232 days as compared with 190 days in 1915, and that in the immediate explanation, but the real cause for the striking increase in production per individual without a doubt is the Yost law, to which is due also some of the credit for the decrease in the number of accidents.

BOOZE ADVERTISING.

OLD JOHN BARLEYCORN got another wallop yesterday when the United States Senate passed Senator Bankhead's bill which prohibits the transmission through the mails into a state which prohibits such solicitation of liquor advertisements in newspapers, periodicals, circulars or in any other way.

This bill was introduced for the benefit of the southern states which have laws which permit the importation of fixed quantities of liquor each month for personal consumption, but which are not anxious to have the drink habit kept alive by the constant suggestion which distillery circulars and advertisements in newspapers and magazines afford.

One or two of the southern states attempted to regulate the matter by passing legislation forbidding the circulation of newspapers and other publications containing liquor advertising, but it is probable they found it difficult to enforce such a law. The Bankhead bill ought to solve the problem.

If it passes the House and receives the signature of the President it will be possible for the West Virginia legislature, for instance, to pass a law forbidding the circulation in this state of Pittsburgh and Cincinnati papers containing liquor advertising, even when they come through the mails. These newspapers would then be confronted by the alternative of excluding all such advertising from all editions or making a special edition free from the objectionable matter for West Virginia.

Booze advertising is not very popular in newspaper offices now. Such a situation is liable to put it entirely out of the running in all but one or two of the papers in other states that circulate extensively in West Virginia.

SEND THEM TO SCHOOL.

THERE was some point to the action of the city health authorities in closing the White school for a period long enough to develop whether or not the sister of the little Carr boy carried poliomyelitis germs from her home, but we cannot understand why parents of children who attend classes in other school buildings should keep them at home.

These children are in no greater danger while they are

use for—as much as we don't gargle pop.

A Punxsutawney man had his back broken 20 years ago and has lived to be 104. They do funny things in Punxsutawney.

"Women who smoke declared a menace."

How about the old girls who chew?

And then again would one call Harry Thaw a menace, or is he only being framed?

"Again the Peru front is the scene of stone age activities."

But the sheriff went there and nailed several empty whiskey bottles.

We wouldn't cross the street for bottles containing whiskey let alone across the river for empty whiskey bottles.

It must go against the grain for Ed Slack to have to arrest a poor unhappy bootlegger who only makes about \$700 a week.

Ed has a big heart and wouldn't arrest a bootlegger for the world were

it not for the sake of doing his duty loyally.

And the Pittsburgh papers say the new Thaw crime "stinks to the high heaven."

Governor Stanley is a wonderful man—must be, to be gov'nor of Kentucky.

The governor is right but lynching is entirely too good for some people.

Because after they are dead their spirit worries the next world to death, if there is death there.

Queer Corpses.

A western senator of burly appearance was passing an undertaker's shop when a roughly dressed man came out and said: "Say, mister, will you give me a lift with a casket?"

The senator shuddered and asked hesitatingly: "Is there—is there anything in it?"

"Shure!" came the hearty reply; "there's a couple of drinks in it."

Boston Transcript.

Little want ads are Big Ads.

One bit of advice we can find no

in school than they are in their own homes as the situation now stands and they are losing valuable time which ought to be devoted to their studies. The situation here is not alarming. More is to be gained by seeing to it that children drink nothing but boiled water, that their organs function regularly, that they eat nothing but the most wholesome food and get enough exercise than in keeping them locked up in the house.

GOVERNOR STANLEY.

GOVERNOR A. O. STANLEY of Kentucky may not be the greatest statesman who ever presided over the destinies of an American commonwealth, but as a man of action he merits the admiration of not only the people of his own state, but of the entire country as well. One day he acts as a fireman and performs heroic deeds in rescuing prisoners from a burning penitentiary, and a few days later he gives an exhibition of physical and moral courage which compels the reluctant admiration of an angry mob. He may be depended upon to be on the spot every time there is need for leadership in the future if the past is any criterion.

If there were more governors of the Stanley type in the south there would be a pronounced falling off in the lynchings.

The Entente reply to the Wilson note makes it rather plain that if there is to be peace during the present year Germany must again take the initiative and, in the vernacular, come clean.

For pure audacity not many things have occurred in the great war to equal the shelling in the harbor at Kastelorizo of the British seaplane carrier Ben-My-Chree.

Harry Thaw will have to remain in the Philadelphia hospital to which he was taken for weeks and perhaps months. His family and friends will now have a brief respite from the anxiety which they must feel whenever he is at large.

The immediate vicinity of New York has had another shelling as a result of a munitions fire. The panic these things cause ought to give the people of the metropolis a faint idea of what would happen if they ever were subjected to the real thing.

In their latest note to the neutral nations the Central powers say: "History will judge upon whom the immense guilt of the war falls." That is the literal truth, and it would be wise for both sides to drop that point entirely out of the diplomatic sparring over possible peace negotiations. History will find out the truth no matter how much lying is done about it now.

Bernard W. Lewis would have saved a lot of people an endless amount of trouble had he just scribbled a note before he pulled that trigger.

American Socialists have started a movement to end the world war. It might have saved them a lot of trouble if they had had a heart to heart talk with Henry Ford, who has had a lot of experience in ending wars. But perhaps, like Tom Lawson, some of the more prominent Socialists feel the need of a little free advertising.

British and Turks have been fighting in the Sinai peninsula. And not far from the place where the most important encounter took place is the spot where Moses received the tablets containing the ten commandments, one which is "Thou shalt not kill."

When the legislators get back to their places in the capitol at Charleston the first great disappointment of the session will be experienced by many of them. No presiding officer ever yet succeeded in pleasing everybody with committee appointments.

From time to time The West Virginian receives anonymous communications, which invariably are thrown into the waste basket. Like most other self respecting and responsible newspapers, we believe that it is not worth while to pay attention to the letters of people who are afraid to sign their names to the sort of stuff they write.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Thomas Lawson believes in advertising, but he doesn't believe in paying for it—and he knows how.—Parkersburg State Journal.

With the holidays all being past, the soldiers in Europe can look forward to being out of the trenches by next Christmas.—Wellsburg Herald.

The wife of a Chicago headwaiter has sued for divorce because he did not support her better on his "tips" of \$45 a week in addition to his salary of \$14 a week. Light is being constantly shed on the factors which go into the high cost of living.—Bluefield Telegraph.

The government reports that American pianos are popular abroad. The phenomenon is doubtless due to the fact that American piano players do not accompany them.—Clarksburg Exponent.

Everybody escaped from under the Lawson "leaks" without getting wet.—Wheeling Register.

Mr. Lawson should now write a book on "Frenzied Testimony."—Charleston Mail.

What are the duties of a legislature? Primarily to legislate—involving the incidental rights to debate, to orate, to berate, to checkmate, to confabulate, to imprecate, to dissertate, and to fulminate.—Charleston Leader.

Well, the "silent sentinel" scheme of the Congressional Union suffragists in picketing the White House grounds is a great improvement over smashing windows.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)

SO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF ALL OUR DOMESTIC TROUBLES?

THAT'S WHAT I SAID—WHAT IS IT?

IT'S YOUR NASTY TEMPER, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!!!

BITS OF STATE NEWS

If the wishes of the members of the board of directors of the Parkersburg Board of Commerce which were expressed at the regular meeting last night, following the dinner in the Chancellor hotel, are carried out, the Board of Commerce will own its own home. Plans were also made for a reorganization campaign which will start in the near future, the president being authorized to appoint a committee to take active steps with this end in view.

A 300-barrel oil well drilled into the pay sand in a tract in Wolfe and Powell counties, Kentucky, opened a rich pool that is owned by a Wheeling man, Attorney William H. Hearne. In the tract, located in which is the big "wildcat" producer, there are 4,400 acres. The field just opened there by Mr. Hearne was thought to be dry when wells were drilled all around it and were found to be dusters. Eleven dry wells were drilled in next to this large tract, which is owned by Judge Banford White, of Kentucky. When the tract was leased from Judge White by Mr. Hearne and a number of his associates, they drilled a well which produced a very small quantity of oil. It was shot and its production jumped to 350 barrels. The pay sand is only 96 feet from the surface.

Very few Freemasons in West Virginia can proudly point to a record of membership like that of Thomas W. Kearns, the venerable tiler of the several Masonic lodges of Martinsburg. Thursday night of last week, according to the Martinsburg Journal, was the forty-ninth anniversary of his Masonic elevation. On January 6, 49 years ago he became a member of Trilumina Lodge, A. F. and A. M., at Middleway, Jefferson county, and remained in that organization until after coming to Martinsburg in 1871. He transferred his dignity to Equality Lodge, No. 24, A. F. and A. M., of this city. Mr. Kearns, who is well up in years, is living a retired life with his daughter, Miss Katie Kearns, at their home, 209 West King street, Martinsburg.

All records for the transportation of coal from the Kanawha river fields to Cincinnati by towboat have been broken during the past few weeks, according to river men. The abnormal demand for coal, because of the needs of the manufacturing concerns that are working overtime and the overburdening of railroad facilities for the handling of coal, are given as reasons for the heavy river traffic. Rivermen here say the shipments will continue as heavy as the rest of the winter.

In a recent issue of the Weston Democrat the following was printed: A party of New York scientists hunting in the wilds of Randolph and Pocahontas counties about a year ago discovered near the Randolph-Pocahontas line what is thought to be the most wonderful cave in existence. Being unable at the time to fully explore it, they kept the secret to themselves and returned recently to fully investigate. Finding the owner of the land in Virginia, they purchased a vast tract surrounding the opening of the cave and proceeded to ascertain what their purchase contained. The entrance to this wonderful hole in the ground was so small that a man had to stoop to enter it, but the farther they proceeded the wider and higher it got until at last, after going a short distance, the party found themselves standing in a chamber acres in extent and of unrivaled beauty. This chamber and many others that were explored was filled with the most startling and beautiful natural statuary ever discovered in the United States, and according to the discoverers, by its side the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky pales into insignificance. No more beautiful mountain scenery exists in America than that in the vicinity of this cave, and it is the company's intention to locate there a sanatorium and summer resort. This mountain being the divide of heavy streams of water and the altitude being very high, makes it an ideal spot for this purpose. Large and modern hotel buildings will be erected and no expense will be spared.

T. G. Stalnaker, a Parkersburg contractor, had an experience recently which has given him a little stronger faith in the honesty of men as a result of the restoration of his watch which had been missing since some time in November. About that time, says the State Journal, he was out hunting near Stewart station one day, returning home in the evening, and the next morning he went to look after work at the McNeill building on Market street. That morning he put a tramp laborer at work, and later in the day he missed his watch, and upon investigation found the tramp had disappeared, and came to the conclusion that the watch had disappeared with him. A few days ago a farmer residing in the vicinity of where Stalnaker had been hunting at Stewart station came to the city and hunting up the missing watch. The farmer told that he had been hunting over practically the same ground that Stalnaker had been over, and shot a rabbit. He went over by a bush to pick up the rabbit and as he raised up he found the watch hanging on the bush. By the initials on the fob he identified it reasonably certain as Stalnaker's property and brought it to him here. The latter appreciated the recovery of his time-piece and his distrust in the tramp laborer was removed.

Ain't Nature Wonderful

WOW!

Didja ever ride in a Pullman car? Well, if you didn't just yet, don't worry. Nearly every one gets the measles some time or other.

For those who haven't, we'll unbutton our lip and put you help to what you are going to run up against. Listen tight. It's about the gent's smoking room in the morning, when you want to wash.

Well, Edgar, you roll out of your upper dorm a ladder, with your shirt, tie and collar and make a mooch toward the soap and towel garage.

All you want to do is sprinkle a little rain on your face and neck, slide into your shirt, hitch up into a collar and run a comb through the shrunken. Fine!

But just wait 'til you push the curtain on the washroom door to the right—Whoa boy! steady! steady! Clam yourself! What is it you shy at?

Well, there's three wash towels and ve or six Pullman washroom fussy he has with their traveling toilet cases, decorating every spare inch of pasture in the room.

There they are, shaving, tooth cleaning, massaging, manicuring champagne and all busier than a flock of birds, dogs, and all you want to do was to dust off your mug a little so you won't be nabbed on suspicion of riding the bums when you get off the train.

Well, these washroom wolves, you'd think they were all going to a banquet. They have to shave the lilacs and all that stuff, y'know. Have to be so immaculate about their appearance and all that—couldn't do like a regular guy would do—let all that unnecessary stuff go until he got home or to the hotel. No! Not these kookos.

Remember the fable about the canine in the foxbox? We hope a Pullman he-hen sees this.

HEALTH HUNCH

Never try to swallow a medicine ball.

Nature Says

"I can remedy most ills, and help you to escape many ailments, if you give me timely aid." Naturally, Nature prefers

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.

E. C. JONES

Clearance Time-- We're Displaying Many Lots of Desirable Merchandise on Which You Can Save Money Today

We have started to do our part to make quick distribution of our surplus stocks. You can help us do it and at the same time purchase the things you need at the lowest prices of the whole year.

Come today and see how tremendously you can help yourself while you are helping us, and helping the whole country to the bigger prosperity that is to come.

Buy Ready-to-Wear Now

Coats Reduced 1-4 to 1-3

Suits Reduced 1-3 to 1-2

Dresses Reduced 1-3 to 1-2

Furs Reduced 1-4

Children's Coats Reduced 1-5

Many small lots of merchandise at ridiculously low prices.

Buy Shoes During the Save-a-Dollar-Sale

They are the most desirable shoes in the whole city. High grade shoes, fashionable, refined looking and comfortable. Choice of the whole stock—excepting shoes marked at less than \$4 at a SAVING OF ONE DOLLAR TO YOU.

This offer includes new Armstrong shoes in black kid with Louis heels—2 1-8 inches high—button or lace styles with 9 inch top. Also the same with Cuban heels 1 3-4 inches high. Regular price \$7.50 now \$6.50.

SAVE A DOLLAR.

YOU CAN SAVE MONEY ON GROCERIES HERE.

Flour, all reliable brands at \$1.30 a sack.

E. C. Jones

THE WOMAN'S STORE

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

WHITE HALL.

B. F. Corbin, of Catawba, W. Va., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Willis Retherford.

Leslie Rutherford and Cecil Johnson have been attending protracted meeting at Boothsville the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nuzum were visiting at Jess Will's on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ben Mundell is suffering from a case of the grip. There are hopes of her rapid recovery.

Mrs. M. D. Morris is a visitor at Eldora at the present time.

Earl Rutherford was a visitor at Bent one Ferry on Tuesday.

Virgil Koon was in Fairmont on Saturday last.

Walter Jones and wife are visitors

at the home of James Smith. Sarah Thomas is visiting in Fairmont at the present time.

Mrs. Rosa Drake has been visiting her mother at Eldora.

C. W. Linn attended a road meeting at Monongah on Wednesday.

Wilda Johnson was a visitor at Mr. Will's on Sunday.

Miss Wilma Koon has recovered from a short illness.

Little ads—little cost. They get the results—West Virginian want ads.

TRY CRANE'S

White Pine Cough Syrup

(Mentholated)

The reliable White Pine Cough Syrup has stood the test of years. Every druggist, or practically every druggist, in the country puts up a cough remedy under the White Pine Label. We, however, put up one guaranteed to be the best possible from the old reliable formula. You can trust this White Pine Cough Syrup as you can no other.

PRICE 25c.

CRANE'S

Drug Store

If it Catches You There

"ANURIC"

Will Quickly Stop It!

Simply to realize the importance of the oncoming kidney trouble, by its first symptoms, backache or throbs through the kidney region, is money in one's pocket as well as years of sickness forestalled.

No organ of the body is more easily deranged than the kidneys. Day in and day out their action is constant, in separating poisonous matter from the blood. Most cases of kidney trouble may easily be overcome by merely taking a little "Anuric" with the meals. Citizens daily voice their praises of the merits of "Anuric," the recent discovery of Doctor Pierce, of "Favorite Prescription" and "Golden Medical Discovery" fame. Here is a letter from Mr. WALTER CARLSON, who says:

"I suffered for four years with pain in my back. I tried everything there was out but they all failed to help me. I even went to a doctor and he could not cure my backache—said it was from the kidneys. A friend of mine advised me to try a box of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets, and so I did; I used two boxes and my pain was gone. I am not telling any lie, the pain in my back was something terrible. As soon as I would bend over to get something from the floor I thought my whole back would burst.

"I would advise sufferers to try two or three boxes of 'Anuric' Tablets."

NOTE:—Experiments at Dr. Pierce's Hospital for several years proved that "Anuric" is 37 times more potent than lilies in removing uric acid from the system, as hot water melts sugar.

Just ask for "Anuric" at druggists, or send Dr. Pierce 25c. for trial package.